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SUBJ: CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY SFAX-TRIPOLI

1. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST HEARD FROM UNOFFICIAL LIBYAN SOURCES THAT THE LIBYANS INTEND TO ISSUE SOMETIME IN OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 1977 AN INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND THE TUNISIAN BORDER.

2. WE CONTACTED MR. NOUREDDINE FKI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SOCIETE TUNISIENNE DES CHEMINS DE FER TUNISIENS (SNCFT), WHO SAID THAT A FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS CONDUCTED BY A HUNGARIAN ENGINEERING FIRM ON THE PROPOSED RAILWAY LINE SFAX-TRIPOLI. THE STUDY WAS INCONCLUSIVE BECAUSE OF LIMITED TRADE-HISTORIC AND PROJECTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. GOT THEREFORE LOST INTEREST IN PROJECT. HOWEVER, MR. FKI ADDED IF THE LIBYANS NOW WANT TO CONSTRUCT RAILWAY LINE WITH THEIR OWN MEANS, THE TUNISIANS WILL SEE NO OBJECTION. THE SNCFT MANAGERS THINK IT A LOW PRIORITY INVESTMENT TUNISIA CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE.

3. PROJECT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1977-81) BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION HAS BEEN PUT OFF TO AN INDEFINITE DATE. MR. FKI CONCLUDED THAT THE PROJECT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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